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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Army Requirements for China (U)

1. Reference:

a. ARC-M-20, Minutes of 16 October 1956 meeting of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee on Project AQUATONE (ARC).

2. Department of the Army requirements for China have been reviewed as agreed by the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee on 16 October 1956. Intelligence holdings on military and technical aspects of Communist China are so nebulous and fragmentary as to preclude the preparation and substantiation of a list of valid priority targets. Due to the geography and the economic composition of the country, however, Army priority requirements can best be satisfied by coverage of the primary arteries of communication. It is believed that data on all targets of any consequence will be obtained by photography over the rail lines, the navigable waterways and the few, primary roadways. Army targets for China, therefore, are as follows:

- a. All Standard Gauge Railroads shown on Inclosure 1.
- b. The Broad Gauge Railroad running from Sino-Soviet Border at Naushki (50-24N, 106-06E) to Chi-ning (40-57N, 113-02E).
- c. Major roads shown in Inclosure 1.
- d. The following inland waterways:
 - (1) Sungari River (Sung-Hua Chiang)
 - (2) Yellow River (Huang-Ho)
 - (3) Grand Canal (Yun Ho)
 - (4) Yangtze River (Ch'ang Chiang)

3. Exploitation of the photography obtained by coverage indicated in paragraph 2 above will permit the later preparation of specific and accurate target requirements in accordance with National Priorities.

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4. Although priority Army needs in China are expressed above, the list of Army Intelligence Requirements (10 February 1956) previously submitted for the Sino-Soviet Bloc, remains valid for China with the general reservation noted above and with the addition of the towns listed in Inclosure 2.

2 Incl

1. Map, Rds. and
RRs, China
2. Additions to
Army Route

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